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MINUTES

OF THE

SEVENTH ANNUAL SESSION

OF THE

Etowah Baptist Association,

HELD WITH

GADSDEN BAPTIST CHURCH, GADSDEN, ALABAMA,

Sept.

Commencing [illegible]t 9, 1890.

OFFICERS:

H. R. CULBERTSON, Moderator,	Hokes' Bluff, Alabama.
H. E. HARRIS, Clerk,	Gadsden, Alabama.
J. R. NOWLIN, Treasurer,	Gadsden, Alabama.

The next session will be held with the Walnut Grove Church, Etowah Co., Ala., commencing on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in September, 1891.

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CHAIRMEN OF COMMITTEES:

Executive Committee—A. T. Fuller, Gadsden, Ala.
State Missions—W. Y. Adams, Walnut Grove, Ala.
Home Missions—K. S. Steel, Hoke's Bluff, Ala.
Foreign Missions—W. L. Culbertson, Walnut Grove.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. Reading Letters from the Churches.
2. Invite Visiting Ministers and Brethren to Seats.
3. Election of Officers.
4. Call for Petitionary Letters.
5. Call for Correspondents.
6. Appoint Committees.
7. Appoint Correspondents.
8. Reports of Standing Committees. (Committee may report at any time when the time is not occupied.)
9. Miscellaneous Business.
10. Call the Roll and Read the Minutes.
11. Fix the Order of Printing and Disributing Minutes.
12. Adjournment.

Minutes.

The Etowah Baptist Association convened in its seventh annual session with the Gadsden Baptist Church, Gadsden, Ala., September 9th, 1890. Elder H. R. Culbertson, presiding, H. E. Harris acting as clerk.

The introductory sermon was preached by Elder W. Y. Adams. Text: Dan. 2:44. Theme: "The Kingdom of Christ."

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional exercises led by the Moderator.

Prayer by Elder J. M. Joiner.

Called for the letters from the churches. Appointed Brethren W. B. Crumpton and B. F. Riley to read the letters.

Re-elected Elder H. R. Culbertson, Moderator; H. E. Harris, Clerk, and J. R. Nowlin, Treasurer; Brethren C. B. Hammett and John B. Appleton acting as tellers.

On motion of V. H. Dean, adopted the order of business of last session with the exception of second and third items.

The following names were enrolled as delegates.

Antioch—R. T. Moore and A. J. Steel.
Attalla—Elder H. E. Harris and M. L. Buckley.
Bethany—D. M. Gilliland, C. W. C. Tucker, I. G. Sitz and J. R. Gilliland.
Bristoe's Creek—J. H. Vansant, J. M. Wynne and J. S. Brascal.
Cave Springs—L. H. Rickles and M. Nobles.
Fairview—Elder F. M. Sauls, J. M. Sitz, J. F. Hughes.
Gadsden—Elder J. A. Wynne, J. R. Nowlin, W. B. Wynne, A. T. Fuller, J. L. Johnson, A. E. Goodhue, J. B. Richards, G. S. Vann, T. S. Kyle and J. L. Day.
East Gadsden—F. M. Bishop, E. M. Keeling.
Liberty Coosa—Elder H. R. Culbertson, A. H. Barnes, A. H. Tidmore, W. H. Boozer, E. E. Hollingsworth, Wm Ables and J. W. Ford.
Mt. Ararat—F. M. Nabors, I. Booker and J. M. C. Burnett.
Mt. Carmel—W. T. Gay, J. T. Chadwick, Joe L. Jones, J. F. Pitman, J. H. Sitz, W. J. Bently and Elder V. H. Dean.
Mt. Gillead—G. M. Phillips, W. M. Woodall, George Clough and G. Mulligan.
Oak Grove—Robert Reed.
Pilgrim's Rest—Elder J. E. Smith, J. K. Guinn and H. H. McDill.
Pleasant Hill—John T. Astin and J. D. Morgan.
Pleasant Valley—R. M. Dick, L. Atwood and L. F. Burgess.
Shady Grove—J. C. Taylor, Richard Henderson and J. D. McHenry.
Ten Islands—W. G. Little, O. J. Hawkins and R. P. Walker.
Union No. 1.—Elder J. A. Reeves, D. M. Reeves and H. P. Smith.
Union No. 2.—J. C. Lutes, W. A. Culbertson and S. P. Washburn.
Whites Chapel—T. J. Wofford, jr., L. C. Copeland and E. W. Braddy.
White Springs—J. H. Boman, J. W. Heuton, R. R. Yeats and E. C. Jones.
Walnut Grove—T. A. Hancock, W. L. Culbertson, W. Y. Adams and B. L. Murphree.

Called for correspondents.

Received Elder W. B. Crumpton, of Marion, Ala., as secretary of the State Mission Board. Dr. B. F. Riley, of East Lake, Ala,. as president of Howard College. Dr. S. W. Averet, of Marion, Ala., as president of the Judson Institute, and Bro. S. P. Linsy, of East Lake, representative of the Alabama Baptist, also, Dr. A. J. Battles, of Rome, Ga., associate president of Shorter College, and Elders John B. Appleton and J. M. Joiner of the Cherokee Association, and Elder T. P. Guinn, of the Coosa River Association, and Elder C. B. Hammett of the Cedar Bluff Association.

Called for petitionery letters.

A petitionery letter was received from East Gadsden Baptist Church. After examination of Articles of Faith and Constitution the church was received, and the Moderator extended the hand of welcome and fellowship in behalf of the Association to the delegates bearing the letter.

Appointed a committee on Devotion as follows: D. M. Reeves, D. M. Gilliland and J. W. Heuton and pastor and deacons of Gadsden church. Fixed the hour of the meeting of the session at 9 a. m., and to adjourn at 4 p. m. Reported that an educational mass meeting would be held in the church to-night. Elder C. B. Hammett to preach at Attalla. Devotional exercises to-morrow morning, conducted by Elder J. E. Smith. Elder K. S. Steel being adsent, appointed A. T. Fuller to fill the va-

cancy on the Committee on Temperance, and also Brethren D. P. Goodhue and J. E. Smith to supply other vacancies on Committee on Education.

On motion of Elder J. A. Wynne, Bro. S. P. Linsy was invited to address the Association in the interest of the Alabama Baptist. Bro. Linsy was followed by Bro. W. B. Crumpton in a speech for The Baptist

Appointed the following as a committee on finance: A. H. Barnes, W. T. Gay and Henry Smith.

On motion of W. B. Wynne, Bro. R. T. Reed was received as a delegate from Oak Grove church.

Adjourned, 8 p. m. Prayer by W. B. Crumpton.

NIGHT SESSION.

The exercises were opened by singing "What a Friend we have in Jesus." Prayer by John B. Appleton.

The report on education was called for and read by W. T. Gay.

Dr. B. F. Riley was then introduced, who made the opening address on the report, and the subject of education, in which he very faithfully presented the claims of Howard College to the patronage of the Baptist of Alabama.

He was followed by Dr. S. W. Averett, President of the Judson, who not only made an excellent address in favor of education in a general way, but also showed very conclusively that it was our duty and to our interest to send our girls to the Judson.

Elder W. Y. Adams, President of Walnut Grove College, was invited to address the Association, who responded in a short but pointed speech for a general interest in the subject of education. He was not in opposition to the Howard or to the Judson, but most heartily recomended both to the favorable consideration of the Association.

Dr. A. J. Battles, of Rome, Ga., addressed the Association on the subject, followed by W. B. Crumpton.

The audience was happily entertained, and, we trust, greatly benefited by listening to the earnest and eloquent speeches from the brethren. Adjourned.

SECOND DAY'S SESSION.

Met pursuant to adjournment.

Devotional exercises for thirty minutes, lead by Elder J. E. Smith.

Called and corrected the rolls. Read and adopted the minutes of yesterday.

The discussion of the Report on Education was further continued by W. Y. Adams, A. J. Battles, J. M. Joiner, B. F. Riley, S. P. Linsy and W. B. Crumpton.

The report was then returned to the Committee on Education with instructions to investigate the character and claims of Brother T. A. Hancock, or of any other brother who may apply to this Association for aid in obtaining an education to enable them to preach the Gospel.

On motion the regular order of business was suspended to hear the reading of the Report on Missions. Pending the adoption of the report, Elder W. B. Crumpton preached the regular Annual Missionary Sermon from 1 Cor. 6-19, which was instructive and edifying.

At the close of the sermon a collection was taken for missions, amounting to $26.55. Adjourned to 2 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Prayer by Brother W. B. Crumpton.

The Report on Missions was the subject of discussion for the entire evening session.

The following brethren made speeches in favor of the report: Elder J. M. Joiner, H. E. Harris, W. B. Crumpton and C. B. Hammett.

The report was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON MISSIONS.

Love is the motive power of Christianity. Loyalty to Christ's commandments is the test of love. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature," is one of the last utterances of our risen Lord to his disciples. Do we love Christ? Are we loyal to his commandments? Do we appreciate the exalted dignity conferred upon us by the commission? No follower of our Lord should be satisfied until his energies and resources are used to their greatest effectiveness in spreading the truth, and extending the kingdom of our Lord. In view of the increase in the number of our missionaries upon some of the fields, the urgent appeals from those already engaged in the work, for further help, and the duty and necessity for more rapidly widening the scope of operations, your committee would most earnestly urge greater and more constant liberality on the part of our churches, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

RESOLVED 1st, That we undertake to raise for missionary purposes the coming year $500, the amount suggested to us by the State Mission Board.

RESOLVED 2d, That this shall in no sense be regarded as a tax, but a request that the churches try to raise the amounts.

RESOLVED 3d, That a committee of three be appointed to apportion the amount out to the churches, and their report be printed in the minutes.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSEPH A. WYNNE,
W. H. BOOZER,
J. T. CHADWICK.

As the above report called for a committee to apportion the amount out of the churches, the Moderator appointed the following as said committee: J. R. Nowlin, W. H. Boozer and J. R. Gilliland. Adjourned.

Elder A. J. Battles preached an able sermon in the church at night.

THIRD DAY'S SESSION.

The Association was lead in devotional services by Elder C. B. Hammett.

Adopted minutes of second day.

On motion of Brother J. A. Wynne, the report on Missions was reconsidered, amended and then adopted.

The Report on Education was again read, and on motion to adopt the report, the following brethren made speeches: J. E. Smith, C. B. Hammett, W. L. Culbertson, J. A. Wynne, D. P. Goodhue, H. E. Harris and J. R. Nowlin. The report was then amended and adopted.

REPORT ON EDUCATION.

Your Committee on Education make the following report:

The great value of education cannot be over estimated. God has given us minds capable of almost unlimited expansion, and it is our duty to improve them in order that we may be prepared to fill the sphere which He has assigned us in life. There has never been a time in the history of the world when the necessity for education was greater than at present.

By education we do not mean merely literary attainments, but also a development of the moral faculties, that we may have proper conception of the relations which we sustain to God and of our duties and obligations to Him and to our fellow man. We, as Baptist, believe that we, and we alone, have the truth as it is in Jesus; hence, if the world is ever enlightened and brought to a knowledge of the truth it must be done through our instrumentality. How necessary then it is that we be prepared to maintain the truth against the various forms of error and infidelity which are so prevalent in the world.

We are happy to note the progress which we, as a denomination, have made in the cause of education and promulgation of the truth. But there are still greater possibilities for us in the future. We must not be content with present attainments, but must press forward to still greater achievements. We are living in an age of progress. The world is moving and we have no time to loiter by the way. Let our motto be ever onward until the truth, as it is in Jesus, shall reign triumphantly in all the nations of the world. In conclusion, your committee would recommend Howard College for our boys, and the Judson Female Institute as in every way worthy of our patronage. There has been five young men in the Walnut Grove College the past year studying for the ministry, and we further state that they have secured tuition free. Your committee further state that Bro. Thos. H. Hancock, a worthy brother, struggling for an education, has received from this body and otherwise about $30 to aid him in school at Walnut Grove College the past year. We recommend that this Association contribute $100 to aid him in school for nine months, the next associational year. We furthermore state that we have no other applicant for aid.

Respectfully Submitted,

W. T. GAY, Chairman.

On motion of J. A. Wynne, $100 of the amounts apportioned to the churches to be raised, be applied in defraying the expenses of Brother Thos. A. Hancock at school the ensuing year, and that said amount be raised at once and placed in the hands of the Treasurer by the 1st of January, 1891.

The Report on Temperance was then read by W. B. Wynne, and, after discussion by J. A. Wynne, C. B. Hammett, W. B. Wynne, A. T. Fuller, J. T. Chadwick and others, the report was adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Your committee to whom was referred the subject of Temperance beg leave to submit the following report. So much has been written and published upon the subject that your committee does not deem it necessary to go into any general detailed account of the great and terrible wrongs inflicted upon individuals, upon families, upon society and upon the churches, by the intemperate use of alcoholic drinks, but would simply call the attention of our churches and brethren to this the greatest and most hurtful of all evils—of this or any other age, and which has been so long tolerated by the laws of our country and public sentiment. We would most earnestly and sincerely advise and recommend each and every member of every church composing this Association to abstain from the use of any and all intoxicating liquors, and by such total abstinance to set an example to the world, that would show them that the members of the Baptist churches, at least, are opposed to the use of alcohol in all its forms as a beverage. And it is the opinion of your committee that if every professed Christian man in this country would keep out of the drinking saloon and turn from them as the very worst dens of debauchery, neither patronize nor encourage them, that the drinking saloons would soon be a thing of the past. Your committee are warranted in saying that from all that they can learn that intemperance is by no means on the decline, but on the contrary is most fearfully on the increase, and the church ought therefore to put on the whole strength and influence to subdue this great evil. Respectfully Submitted,

W. B. Wynne,
A. T. Fuller,
W. L. Culbertson.

The Report on Family Religion was read by W. T. Gay, and adopted, as follows:

REPORT ON FAMILY RELIGION.

Your Committee on Family Religion submits the following as their report. In the first place, we presume that the subject assigned to us means the religion of Christ exercised in the family relation. We take it for granted that no Christian, at least, will dispute the fact that it is the duty of every follower of Christ to live in obedience to his commands every day. Our daily walk and conversation should be such as to convince those with whom we associate that there is a reality in the religion that we profess in Christ our Savior. We wish especially to speak of the duties and obligations resting on us as parents. We are commanded to train up our children in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. If we wish our children to honor God we must honor Him. There is no teaching so effectual as that of example. We should exemplify our love for Christ in our every day life It is not our public acts which give us power and influence as Christians, but our conduct in the transactions of private life. Let us teach our children that we esteem the religion of Christ above all things, and that it is the chief object of our lives to obey his commands. We fear that too many of us as parents fail to realize the grave responsibilities which rest upon us. How many Christians there are who have no family prayer; who never gather their children around the family altar and talk to them about the love of Christ, and humbly bow before God and implore his blessings upon them. How sad the thought that in the day of judgment some children may say, "I never heard my parents pray!" If we fail to discharge our duties as parents and our children are lost, will not their blood be required at our hands? Brethren and sisters if we have been unfaithful in the past let us resolve by the help of God that we will be more faithful in the future, all of which is respectfully submitted, W. T. Gay, Chairman.

J. R. Nowlin read the Report of the Apportioning Committee, which was adopted, as follows:

REPORT OF APPORTIONING COMMITTEE.

Etowah Association:

In order to raise the amount pledged by this Association for missions, your committee recommend the following apportionment:

Antioch	$ 20 00	Pilgrim's Rest	$ 30 00
Attalla	25 00	Pleasant Hill	10 00
Bethany	40 00	Pleasant Valley	12 00
Bristoe's Creek	30 00	Shady Grove	5 00
Cave Spring	10 00	Ten Island	25 00
Fairview	25 00	Union No. 1	40 00
Gadsden	100 00	Union No. 2	25 00
Liberty Coosa	35 00	Whites's Chapel	25 00
Mt. Ararat	15 00	Walnut Grove	40 00
Mt. Carmel	30 00	White Springs	35 00
Mt. Gillead	15 00	East Gadsden	10 00
Oak Grove	10 00		
Total amount			$612 00

J. R. Nowlin,
W. H. Boozer,
J. R. Gilliland,
Committee.

The pastors of the churches composing this Association are requested to take up collections for missions quarterly.

R. M. Dick read the Report of the Committee on time and place of holding the next session of this body, as follows;

Your Committee on time and place of holding the next session, beg leave to make the following report:

We recommend that this Association hold its next session with Walnut Grove Church, commencing on Tuesday before the first Sabbath in September, 1891.

R. M. Dick, Chairman.

The report was adopted.

Adopted the report of the Committee on nominations, as follows:

To preach Introductory Sermon—G. B. Wade; J. R. Trotter, Alternate.

Missionary Sermon–J. A. May; J. E. Smith, Alternate.

Temperance Sermon—J. A. Wynne; J. D. Peditt, Alternate.

A. T. Fuller, Chairman.

Heard and adopted the Report on Sabbath Schools, as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON SABBATH SCHOOLS.

Your Committee on Sabbath Schools respectfully beg leave to submit the following report:

In the judgment of your committee, the Sabbath School work of the churches composing this Association has been sadly neglected. While, perhaps, a majority of the churches maintain Sabbath Schools, during at least a portion of the year, yet, in most instances, the work in these schools is by no means as carefully, prayerfully and earnestly pushed as it should be. We find that the teachers, as a class, give but little attention to the prep-

aration of the lessons. Many of them content themselves with propounding the questions just as they find them in the lesson quarterlies.

We need good, earnest teachers of Bible truths, who are willing to devote themselves prayerfully and carefully to the study of God's holy word, that they may be enabled to lead the pupils, who are entrusted to their care, to Jesus Christ, the Savior. With the true Sunday School teacher, the prime object is to win souls to Christ. Every fact of the lesson, every incident recorded in Holy Writ should be made to point to the cross. The Sunday-School teacher who fails to see Jesus in the lesson, and who fails to disclose Jesus to his pupils is a failure, however successful he or she may be in amusing his or her class. As a denomination, we need Sunday-School teachers who clearly apprehend and can teach our distinctive doctrines, denominationally and fundamentally—teachers who have acquired the tact to impress these truths upon the hearts and consciences of their pupils. In this day, when false and fatally erroneous doctrines too often are proclaimed by those who profess to be leaders of religious thought and sentiment; when the old fashioned doctrine of justification by faith is regarded in many quarters as antiquated, and even obsolete; when the tendency is constantly toward what its advocates are pleased to term progressive and liberal religion, we need regenerated teachers whose hearts are afire with the love of Jesus Christ, who know that their Redeemer liveth, and who are willing to fit and prepare themselves to teach the old, old story of the cross. In many Sunday-Schools the old fathers and mothers of the children fail to attend, and the direction of affairs is left solely with the young and inexperienced. We hope that in the future the Sabbath School work of this Association may be more earnestly and aggressively pushed than in the past.

Respectfully,

A. E. Goodhue,
W. L. Culbertson,
C. B. Hammett.

Adopted report on Finance.

Received for	State Missions	$ 37 20
"	" Foreign Missions	35 95
"	" Cuban Missions	20 58
"	" Public collections for Missions	26 55
"	" Minutes	34 50
"	" Church building, not at home	35
"	" Indigent Ministers	30
"	" Cash not named	4 55
"	" Home Missions	4 25
Total		164 2

* A. J. Barns, Ch'n Com.

Adjourned to 2 p. m.

Prayer by Elder J. A. Reeves.

EVENING SESSION.

The business was opened by singing "While the Days are going by." Lead in prayer by J. R. Nowlin.

Took up the regular order of business.

Appointed the following Standing Committees:

State Missions—W. Y. Adams, J. A. Reeves and H. E. Harris.

Home Missions—A. E. Goodhue, K. S. Steel and J. D. Peditt.

Foreign Missions—W. L. Culbertson, J. R. Nowlin and J. E. Smith.

Family Religion—John T. Astin, J. M. Sitz and J. H. Boman.

Temperance— B. L. Murphree, A. H. Barnes and J. L. Jones.

Education—J. B. Richards, T. A. Smith, R. T. Moore.

Sabbath Schools—J. A. Wynne, J. C. Lutes, I. G. Sitz.

Religious Literature—J. R. Nowlin, W. T. Gay and K. S. Steel.

Executive Committee—A. T. Fuller, W. H. Boozer and J. R. Nowlin.

Brother R. T. Moore offered the following resolution, which was adopted:

Resolved, That we extend our heartfelt thanks to the members of the Gadsden Baptist Church, and to the citizens of Gadsden for their kind hospitality in so royally entertaining us during this session of the Etowah Association.

Brother V. H. Dean read the following, which was also adopted:

Resolved, That any member of this Association who may be present during the session of any sister Association, with which this body corresponds, is hereby authorized to act as a correspondent from this Association.

Appointed Delegates to the Alabama Baptist State Convention, as follows: J. A. Wynne, J. R. Nowlin, A. E. Goodhue, C. B. Hammett, H. R. Culbertson, J. E. Smith, A. T. Fuller, J. R. Trotter, H. E. Harris and W. B. Wynne.

Elected H. R. Culbertson to represent this Association in the Southern Baptist Convention; H. E. Harris, Alternate.

On motion, took up the resolution which was ordered spread upon the minutes of the last session of this body. The resolution was rejected by a unanimous vote.

A motion to take from the table the resolution refering to dancing, which was tabled at the last session of this body, failed.

Fixed the printing and distribution of minutes. It was ordered that the clerk have $10 for his services, and the remainder be used in printing of minutes, and said minutes be distributed among the churches according to the funds sent up.

Read and corrected the minutes.

Adjourned.

H. R. CULBERTSON, MODERATOR.

H. E. HARRIS, Clerk.

LICENSED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

W. L. Culbertson	Walnut Grove, Ala,
Thos. A. Hancock	" " "
B. F. Kirkland	Etowahton, "
J. T. Astin	Attalla, "
C. W. C. Phillips	Mack. "
James Gaddis	Turkeytown, "
T. S. Washburn	Gallant, "
W. C. Smith	Keener, "
J. T. Chadwick	Gadsden, "
W. B. F. Sizemore	" "
J. F. Hughes	Brice, "
Abe Thornton	Gadsden, "
W. W. Wester	Hoke's Bluff, "
J. B. Roper	" " "

ORDAINED MINISTERS AND THEIR POST OFFICES.

G. B. Wade	Walnut Grove. Ala.
J. D. Peditt	" " "
W. Y. Adams	" " "
J. A. May	" " "
J. A. Wynne	Gadsden, "
V. H. Dean	" "
H. E. Harris	" "
J. R. Trotter	" "
C. B. Hammett	" "
J. E. Smith	Buford, "
T. M. Archie	" "
Jacob Gray	Attalla, "
F. M. Sauls	Brice, "
H. R. Culbertson	Hoke's Bluff, "
K. S. Steele	" " "
T. A. Smith	" " "
G. Y. Thomas	" " "
J. A. Reeves	Seaborn, "

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1889. In Acc't with Etowah Association.

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Oct 14,	To Cash for	Ministerial	Education	from	Association	$ 2 70
Dec. 11	"	"	"	"	R. R. Yeats	1 00
"	"	"	"	"	J. H. Boyan	1 00
" 21	"	"	"	"	Hendon	1 00
" 31	"	"	"	"	Liberty Coosa Church	10 00
1890						
Jan. 11	"	"	"	"	Mt. Carmel	2 00
" 13	"	"	"	"	J. E. Smith	2 00
Feb. 12	"	"	"	"	Mt. Carmel	50
" "	"	"	"	"	Bethany	5 00
May 7	"	"	"	"	J. Heaton	1 00
Sept. 5	"	"	"	"	Mt. Carmel	6 46
" "	"	Missions, Mt. Carmel				6 20
" 9	"	Ministerial Education		from	Mt. Gilead	5 00
						$43 46

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1889.					
Oct. 14	By Cash	Paid	W. L. Culbertson		$ 1 25
Dec. 24	" " "		T. A. Hancock		3 75
1890.					
March 17	By Cash	Paid	T. A. Hancock		11 10
May 17	" " "		W. L. Culbertson		1 85
" 13	" " "		T. A. Hancock		3 50
Sept. 11	" " "		"		5 00
					$26 45
Balance on hand					$17 01

In addition to above amount, there has been paid T. A. Hancock in person by Walnut Grove Church.. $ 7 00
Union No. 1 2 00
Mt. Carmel 1 20
$10 20

Making total amount paid him during the year, $33 35,

J. R. NOWLIN, Treas.

CONSTITUTION.

The name of this Association shall be "The Etowah Baptist Association."

The officers of the Association shall be a Moderator, Clerk and Treasurer, who shall perform such duties and perform them in such a manner as is ordinarily required of such officers. They shall be elected at or near the opening of each annual session of the body.

The membership of the Association shall be such churches as shall see fit and be permitted to represent themselves in its sessions by delegates.

Each church shall be entitled to one delegate for each twenty-five members or fractional part thereof, but every church shall be entitled to at least two delegates.

The object of this association shall be the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom, not only within its bounds, but throughout the world. It shall aid and encourage by means of its influence those grand institutions and agencies which, in the providence of God, have been established by the wise and good among our brethren for the spread of the Gospel throughout the world, for the distribution of the Bible among those destitute of it, for the education of young men for the work of the ministry, as well as the cause of education generally; for the promotion of the Sunday-School cause, the cause of temperance, etc.

The association shall employ such means and adopt such measures as shall seem best calculated to cultivate Christian unity and fellowship among the brethren within its bounds, to provoke the brethren to love and good works, to stir up the pure minds of the brethren by way of remembrance, to secure individual advancement in the divine life, in every way as individuals, to illustrate to the world the reality of the religion of Jesus Christ.

BY-LAWS.

1. Preparatory to the organization of the association, an Introductory sermon shall be preached by a member appointed at the previous session, and another shall be named at the same to perform the duty in case of the failure of the first.

2. The service being performed, the Moderator, or if he is absent, the oldest minister present, shall open the association by prayer.

3. He shall call for letters from the churches, when the delegates shall present them and take their seats in order.

4. When the Association is regularly organized, as prescribed in the Constitution, the correspondence from other Associations shall be called for, the letters read and the messengers received by the right hand of fellowship from the Moderator. The messengers shall be invited to seats in the Association and accorded the privilege of speaking on any subject before the body, but not of voting on any. Other visiting brethren may be invited to seats with the same privileges and prohibition.

5. Subjects not embraced in the last minutes may, at the discretion of the Association, be taken up at any time when there is no business directly before the body.

6. Any subject not contained in the minutes must be regularly brought forward by motion, which shall be seconded before it can be taken up. After this it shall be considered as properly at the disposal of the Association, unless it be withdrawn by the mover.

7. No one shall speak oftener than three times on the same subject, unless permitted by the association. The speaker shall always rise to his feet and address the Moderator

8. Silence and decorum shall be observed by every member of the Association while the body is in session, and more especially in time of debate. All personal reflections and remarks tending to wound the feelings of brethren shall be strictly avoided.

9. No member of the Association shall leave the house while the Association is in session, without leave from the Moderator.

10. In order to expedite business, committees shall be raised at the discretion of of the association, who shall be named by the Moderator.

11. The meetings of the association shall, on each day of the session, be opened and closed with prayer.

12. The minutes of each day shall be read at its close and the opening of business, after prayer, each succeeding day, when the names of the delegates shall be called; and the whole minutes of the session shall be read at its close and signed by the Moderator and Clerk.

13. Any alteration of these by-laws may be made at any meeting of the association by two-thirds of the members present.

RULES OF ORDER.

The rules of order usually observed by deliberative bodies of this kind shall be observed ay this association.

If any point of order be raised b ay member of the body, it shall be decided by the moderator; but appeal may be taken from his dicision to that of the body.

"Mell's Parliamentary Practice" shall be used as authority in regard to questions of order.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

There is one and but one God, who is a spirit, omniscient, omnipotent, omnipresent, eternal, unchangable, infinite in goodness and wisdom, of inviolable truth, perfectly just, of immaculate holiness, the Creator of all things, the preserver of all, and the supreme ruler over all.

The Godhead is a Trinity—the Father, Son and Holy Ghost—three persons in one divine essence.

The Son became incarnate, thus uniting in himself the divine and human natures that he might become the mediator between God and man; man's final judge, and by his life, death and resurrection the redeemer and Savior of his people.

The Holy Spirit is the sanctifier and comforter of God's people. He is, through the divine word, the author of the new or spiritual life produced in man in his regeneration.

The Holy Scriptures were given by divine inspiration as a revelation of God's will to man concerning him, and constitute to him an infallible rule of faith and practice.

Adam and Eve, the first man and woman, were created holy, and for a time served the Creator acceptably living innocently and happy in his favor; but Adam, having been placed under a covenant of works, violated it, and brought the penalty of the violation upon himself and his descendants.

All men partaking of the consequences of the fall, are both totally depraved and guilty of actual transgression of God's law.

No man can free himself from his native depravity, or from condemnation. No man can save himself. There is no way of salvation but by Jesus Christ.

The Christian Sabbath is the first day of the week, and should be kept holy and consecrated to the service and worship of God in obedience to the command, "Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy," and in commemoration of the resurrection on that day of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

The ordinances of the Gospel are two—Baptism and the Lord's Supper. The Great Head of the church requires the perpetual observance of these ordinances by the churches as such and under their authority.

Baptism is the immersion of the believer in water by one duly qualified and authorized to administer the rite. It is prerequisite to church membership.

A Gospel church is a company of baptized believers organized under the law of its Great Head, for the advancement of God's kingdom in the world. The officers of the church are its pastors and deacons. Each church is an independent body, subject only to the commands of its Great Head. The work required of the church is missionary in its character. "Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature."

The Holy Spirit continues the work of sanctification upon those whom he has regenerated to the end of life, and thus saves all who are regenerated from apostacy.

All who will be finally saved were chosen of God the Father before the foundation of the world, and given to Jesus Christ in the covenant of grace; yet all who will be lost will have rejected of their own will a proffered salvation.

The bodies of all who die will be raised from the dead and reunited to their spirits for the judgment of the great day.

In the last day Jesus Christ will come to judge the world, and having assembled all men before him, will pass sentence upon them according to their works.

Heaven is a place to which the righteous will be received, and made perfectly happy in their presence and enjoyment of God forever.

Hell is a place into which the wicked may be cast, to suffer everlasting punishment for their sins.

Financial Exhibit of Etowah Association, 1890,

CHURCHES	Home Missions	Foreign Missions	State Missions	Hancock at Walnut G've	Howard College	Minutes	Howard College Building	S.S. Benevolence	S. S. Expense.	Home Mission.	Pastors' Salary	Value of B'lding and Furniture.
Antioch			1 00			1 50						
Attalla		3 90				1 50			32 20		100	2000
Bethany						1 35						1000
Bristoe's Cr'k			6 50			1 50						300
Cave Springs						1 50						
Fairview						1 30						
Gadsden	20 58	94 83			25 00	3 00	1000	187 24	133 05	12 75	1000	18 000
East Gadsden			6 00			1 00					160	
Liberty Coosa			15 00	10		3 00			20		200	500
Mt. Ararat						1 50			1 50			150
Mt. Carmel			7 20	10		1 75			20		200	1200
Mt. Gilead											50	200
Oak Grove												200
Pilgrims Rest		6 00	3 00			2 00						
Pleasant Hill		4 45				1 00						
Pleas'nt V'lly						1 50						250
Shady Grove						1 35					30	
Ten Islands		5 70	14 20			1 50					53	300
Union No. 1		2 75				1 00						500
Union No. 2				360		1 50						500
Walnut Gr've		10 55		8		1 50						
White's Chp'l	3 65	3 70	3 65			1 35			4 50		85	300
White Sp'ngs	60	1 95	65			1 50					50	400
Total	24 83	112 93	57 20	31 60		34 10	1000		179 05	12 75	1898	25800

STATISTICS OF ETOWAH BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, 1890.

CHURCHES.	COUNTY.	PASTORS.	CLERKS.	POST OFFICE.	Ordained Ministers.	Licensed Ministers	Last Report. Membership	Increase Baptism	Increase Letter	Increase Experience	Increase Restoration.	Decrease Letter	Decrease Exclusion	Decrease Erasure.	Decrease Death	Present Membership.	S. S. Supt	Officers and Teachers.	Pupils	Sab of Meeting	Prayer Meetings	Revivals
Antioch	St. Clair		Q. Steel	Steel's	1		72									69	R. T. Morse			3		
Attalla	Etowah	H. E. Harris	J. C. Philips	Attalla	1		48	1	12			4				57	A. C. C'rn'lius	7	136	2&3		
Bethany	"	H. R. Culbertson	M. L. Brock	Hill	1	1	131		1		1	12	3		2	114				1		
Bristoe's Creek	"	W. Y. Adams	J. A. Braseal	Aurora			56	9	1			1				65				3		1
Cave Springs	"	J. S. Horton	C. W. Butler	Attalla			67	23	3		1	4			3	88				1		1
Fairview	"	R. A. Pinkertou	G. H. Bearden	Brice	1	1	140	17	2		5	7			3	141				3		1
Gadsden	"	J. A. Wynne	J. B. Richards	Gadsden	1		218	9	18			7	3		2	233	A. T. Fuller	14	168	4	1	1
East Gadsden	"	C. B. Hammett	E. M. Keeling	Gadsden												29						
Liberty Coosa	"	H. R. Culbertson	F. Ford	Hoke's Bluff	4		172	8	12		1	8			1	184	A. H. Barnes	6	90	2&4	1	1
Mt. Ararat	"	K. S. Steel	I. G. Booker	Gadsden		1	54	4	2		1	4	1			60	F. M. Noah	1	20	3		
Mt. Carmel	"	H. E. Harris	J. L. Jones	Gadsden	1	2	144	22	9	30	1	10	5		1	164	M. C. L. H'dn	15	75	2&4	1	1
Mt. Gilead	Calhoun	J. E. Smith	C. P. Dickerson	Mack		1	100	4	2			3				103				1		1
Oak Grave	"	W. H. Boozer	S. Hughes	Duke's Station												50				3		
Pilgrims' Rest	Etowah	J. E. Smith	I. W. Sturkie	Buford	2		123	37	14			7	1		1	165				2		1
Pleasant Hill	"	J. D. Peditt	J. D. Morgan	Attalla	1	1			3			3	3			44				1		
Pleasant Valley	"	G. B. Wade	J. W. Sundall	Attalla			101	1	1			7	1	1	3	92				2		
Shady Grove	"	W. J. Collins	J. C. Taylor	Upton			71					10			1	60				1		
Ten Islands	Calhoun	J. E. Smith	W. G. Little	Ottry			52	13	7						1	71			60	4	1	1
Union, No. 1	Etowah	J. S. Horton	S. P. Guest	Seaborn		1	83		2		1	4			2	80				2		
Union, No. 2	"	W. Y. Adams	G. W. Tomlin	Gallant		1	51	6	4		1	4	1	1	1	62				4		1
Walnut Grove	"	J. A. May	A. J. Philips	Walnut Grove		1	11	6	7			2	2		2	127		6	75	4		
White's Chapel	"	C. B. Hammett	W. M. Bledsoe	Gadsden		1	100	9	7	10		2	1	18	2	93	E. W. Brady	7	60	4		
White's Springs	"	N. A. Hood	R. R. Yeats	Gadsden		1	109					3	1		1	104	R. R. Yeats	7	40	4		